

**President's Summary of the Coordinating Committee Meeting
June 5, 2002**

I. Review of the week of the Intersessional Standing Committee Meetings

A. Exchange of views

Most members of the CC had very positive reactions to the week of the Standing Committee Meetings. The comments heard about the enhancements were very encouraging especially regarding preparations, the overview on Monday, the new participants briefing and the discussion on universalization, as well as the Raising the Voices ceremony. The enhanced focus on the core humanitarian objectives of the Convention and cooperation and assistance matters was welcomed. There was an increased participation from States Parties and there seems to be a greater understanding of the Convention by all. Some concern was raised about limited participation on some "substantive" issues like articles 1 and 2. Finally, some asked about the ICBL press briefing held after the intersessional week.

B. Presentation by ISU Manager

The ISU Manager gave a presentation on the participation during the May intersessional week: 439 registered, 285 delegates from States, 154 delegates from international organizations or NGO's, 72 sponsored, numbers slightly lower than January. However, it was noted that there was a more continuous presence throughout each committee meeting.

II. Upcoming Coordinating Committee work program

A. Reporting (meeting reports and final reports)

The Presidency encouraged the Co Chairs and Co Rapporteurs to prepare the reports of the meetings by June 14th, a viable date considering the progress already made by several Committees in this regard. The Chair also, suggested that drafts of the Final Reports of the Standing Committees for the 4th Meeting of States Parties be presented by June 28th, to respond to translation and other documentation requirements. It was suggested that the Final Reports have more focused recommendations and that the guidelines provided earlier this year by the ISU could be used to facilitate this task.

B. Proposed work programme over the next months

The CC agreed to meet every 3 weeks instead of 2 beginning on June 26th and that the Presidency would consult to find the most appropriate dates considering vacations.

C. Expo 02

Regarding the proposal that the CC visit the Expo 02 on June 18th, when the Minister of Defence of Switzerland will inaugurate the exhibition on mines, the Presidency informed that transportation from Geneva to the Expo 02 mine exhibition would be available at 9:30 and at 15:00 and that there would be no CC activity as such.

III. Preparations for the 4MSP

A. Follow-up to ensure a discussion is held at the 4MSP on the establishment of a process to prepare for the Review Conference

As was stated in the Standing Committee on General Status and Operations of the Convention, there should be room in the 4MSP agenda to discuss the issue of the process for the preparations for the Review Conference. It was the general feel that consultations with all States Parties about this matter should take place before the 4MSP.

B. Update on preparations for side events and the opening ceremony

Norway informed of its wish to hold a reception on the September 18th, to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the conclusion of the Oslo treaty negotiations.

IV. Any other business

It was mentioned that the Sponsorship programme was running very well, that the participants were more informed, that new countries took advantage of the programme and that the budget is being administered very well.